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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
International Application of
VENKATESWARAN, Ananthanarayan et al.
Int'l. Application No. PCT/US00/20662
Filed in the RO/US on 28 July 2000
Entitled: *Hair Conditioning Composition Comprising
Hydrophobically Modified-Cellulose Ether*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

12. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 further comprising by weight from about 0.1% to about 20% of a cationic silicone emulsion comprising by weight of the cationic silicone emulsion from about 1% to about 20% of a cationic surfactant; and an emulsifiable amount of a silicone compound having a particle size of less than about 50 microns.

13. A method of preparing a hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 comprising the steps of:

- (a) mixing the high melting point fatty compound, the cationic conditioning agent, and the aqueous carrier at a temperature of at least about 70°C;
- (b) cooling the mixture obtained in step (a) to below about 60°C;